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Supplemental Amendment And Interview Summary
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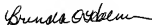
INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On December 9, 2003, a telephone interview was conducted between Examiner Shrinivas Rao, Yumi Inagaki, and the undersigned. During the interview, the differences between the claimed invention and Fig. 1A of the application, *Bergeron* and *Moneda* were discussed. The foregoing amendment amends independent Claims 1 and 6 to clarify the characteristics of the graded base region.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Brenda Holmes at 404.685.6799.

Respectfully submitted,



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